

Subject: Millennium Pipeline Route
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Tue, 7 Jan 2003 07:27:54 -0800 (PST)
From: Bob Vogel <bobvogel@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: bobvogel@njtdc.org
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

Mr. Karl Gleaves

Dear Sir,

I have just become aware of the plans to route the natural gas pipeline through the marshes and protected park lands in Piermont.

I wish to express my strong opposition to this routing.

Robert Vogel
113 Shad Row
Piermont

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Subject:

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Tue, 7 Jan 2003 10:41:15 -0500

From: "Levine, Lucille" <LevineL@RAMNET.K12.NY.US>

To: "Millennium.comments@noaa.gov" <Millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

The pipeline should not go through an environmentally sensitive area such as the Piermont Marsh.

This is a natural environmental area and once disturbed cannot be put back together. Leave it alone!!!!!!!!!!!!

L Levine

Subject: Piermont marsh
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 19:39:50 +1000
From: Eugene Goodman <bikergene@worldnet.att.net>
To: <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

Mr Gleaves...

I was stunned to learn of plans to disrupt the Piermont marsh.

Because of its utterly unique character, Piermont, aided by the state, was recently the victor in a hard won battle to preserve its green-clad mountaintop.

incredibly, her lowlands are being assaulted

If you haven't seen it... know that Piermont is an absolutely unique area. It has become the target for day tourists and bikers and is one of the most picturesque areas within 50 miles of New York City.

A project of this nature is unthinkable...If you have not yet SEEN Piermont... one glimpse will speak for itself; one visit will convince you.

Please do not be a party to ANY committment until you have actually VISITED Piermont and SEEN for yourself what lies here... and what kind of abomination is being contemplated. If it wasn't appropriate for Westchester's upscale bedroom community, it is certainly less so for scenic Piermont!

Aghast,

Gene Goodman
167 Tweed Blvd.
Nyack, NY 10960

Subject: Pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 10:32:28 -0500

From: Jim Dworak <jkdworak@optonline.net>

To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

It is important to all concerned that the Millennium pipeline follow the route as originally planned. It has been agreed upon by experts to be the safest plan and will cause the least disruption to the populace and the environment. It would be unfortunate if elitists in Westchester and thier ill-informed backers in Albany are able to push through one of their alternate, small-minded, self-serving plans. Again, please proceed as planned.

**J.K Dworak
10 Lark Street
Pearl River, NY**

Subject: [Fwd: Millennium Pipeline]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 11:25:58 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: _NOS OCRM GCOS Millennium Comments <Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Millennium Pipeline
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 16:12:26 +0000
From: <c.luckhardt@att.net>
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Gleaves:

I strongly appose the routing of the Millennium Pipeline thorough Tallman State Park and the Piermonbt Marsh, or Hook Mountain. If this pipeline is to benefit the residence of Westchester and they oppose it, why should the pipeline be directed through an environmentally fragile area in Rockland?

Carol Luckhardt
1090 Route 9W
Upper Grandview, NY 10960

Subject: Piermont pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 6 Jan 2003 11:50:05 -0500

From: "Benfield, Dick" <Benfield@northjersey.com>

To: "millennium.comments@noaa.gov" <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

To whom it may concern:

I hope my comments are not too late. I think it would be an environmental travesty if the proposed pipeline should go through Tallman Mountain State Park and the Piermont marsh. This is an ecologically fragile and beautiful area and one of the few places where walkers, birders, hikers, and bicyclists from the New York City can find a few hours of quiet to enjoy nature. Please don't put the pipeline through this area.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Benfield
105 Gair St.
Piermont, NY 10968

Subject: Opposition to Millennium Pipeline
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 6 Jan 2003 12:43:08 EST
From: <E1397@aol.com>
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov
CC: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov, gov.pataki@chamber.state.ny.us, vanderhs@co.rockland.ny.us, morahan@senate.state.ny.us, gromaca@assembly.state.ny.us, senator@schumer.senate.gov

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed crossing of the Millennium Pipeline at either the Piermont Marshes or Hook Mountain.

I understand the necessity of energy sources, however, the current plan to have the crossing near the Mirant Bowline power plant makes clear and logical sense.

I am hopeful the legislators will give the matter the consideration it deserves and maintain the original plan.
Thank you.

Bonnie Elder Yassky
212 Kuyper Drive
Upper Nyack, NY 10960
belder@comnetny.com

Subject: [Fwd: Opposition to Millennium Pipeline]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 13:05:02 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: _NOS OCRM GCOS Millennium Comments <Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov>

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Subject: Pipeline in Piermont stongly opposed

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 13:21:20 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

From: GREGG JARVIS <skintune@optonline.net>


To: Millennium.comments@noaa.gov

i piermont marsh is only marsh and nestuary like it on Hudson River Valley. Vegetation and animal species don't exist anywhere like they do here. The mil pipe would certainly arradicate this important eco system

Gregg Jarvis

499 piermont avenue

piermont, nY

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Subject: Millennium Pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 6 Jan 2003 14:15:11 -0500

From: "Brian Aitchison" <baitchison@dcaarchitecture.com>

To: <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

To Whom it may concern;

As a resident of Rockland for over 14 years I have personally experienced the beauty and serenity of both Tallman State Park and the Piermont Marsh in all seasons. The potential disruption of these areas, especially the delicate ecosystem of the marsh would be further desiration of the already much maligned Rockland waterfront.

There are numerous other locations (most of them occuring in my estimation in the Haverstraw area) which, due to previous developmental assaults, would be far more appropriate for the further disturbance this pipeline will cause if it must indeed come through Rockland County.

The remaining wild places in rockland should be protected for future generations

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Brian Aitchison R.A.
Senior Associate
Denker Cackovic Architects

baitchison@DCAarchitecture.com

Subject: Act before Jan. 8th!!!! Say NO to the Millennium Pipeline!
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 6 Jan 2003 14:21:07 EST
From: <Kzruby2@aol.com>
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov, gov.patake@chamber.state.ny.us, vanderhs@co.rockland.ny.us, morahan@senate.state.ny.us, gromaca@assembly.state.ny.us, senator@schumer.senate.gov, millennium.comments@noaa.gov

Gentlemen,

As a resident of Upper Nyack in Lower Rockland County I am urgently requesting that you scrap any new plans to change the routing of the Millennium Pipeline to pass through any part of Lower Rockland County. The idea that this pipeline would go along the Palisades Parkway, bulldozing through Tallman Mountain, State Park and the Piermont Marsh, or alternately through Hook Mountain State Park and Nyack Beach State Park is environmentally disastrous, and will ruin two of the last beautiful waterside state parks in Rockland County.

This natural gas pipeline only benefits the residents of Westchester County. Why should Rockland have to bear the burden of this ill-conceived project? Announcing the proposed change in route just before Thanksgiving was a cowardly move, at best. Giving the residents of Rockland only until January 8th to respond is a deliberate ploy to bulldoze this plan through the backyard of several of our most beautiful river towns.

We cannot and will not accept this alternative.

Kristi Zea
345 North Midland Avenue
Upper Nyack, NY 10960

Subject: Millennium Pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 14:47:07 -0500

From: <mrmsch@bestweb.net>

To: <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

CC: <senator@schumer.senate.gov>, <goo6@westchestergov.com>, <sthompson@mccall02.com>, <gov.pataki@chamber.state.ny.us>, <gov.pataki@chamber.state.ny.us>, <dearsue@mail.house.gov>

I believe that the Bowline Solution is the right solution for the Millennium Pipeline. Terminating the Millennium Pipeline at the Bowline Facility allows New York to protect the Coastal Zone and enables Columbia Gas to fix the decrepit A-5 line that makes up 222 miles or 52.9% of the pipeline's 420 mile route. This allows Millennium to fulfill its purpose as described to the Federal Energy Regulatory of delivering natural gas to "delivery points in New York State". The Bowline Solution is a viable alternative that allows Millennium to pursue its goals without destroying our environment and endangering our communities.

Michael Misch
34 East Mt. Airy Road
Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520
914 271-8984

Subject: Millennium Pipeline Rockland County New York

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 14:57:42 -0500

From: <Jffmcdwll@aol.com>

To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

CC: nita.lowey@mail.house.gov

Assistant Counsel for Ocean Services
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1305 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Sir or Madam;

According to an article in the Rockland Journal News, the deadline for public comments on proposed alternative routes for the Millennium Pipeline are due this week. In accordance with that deadline, I would like to express my views on these proposals.

Although I am the Co-Chair of the Rockland Friends of the Clearwater, I am speaking as a citizen, not on behalf of the Rockland Friends of Clearwater, nor on behalf of the Clearwater.

As I understand it, three alternative routes for the pipeline are under consideration. Those routes include Tompkins Cove, Upper Nyack, and Piermont. The use of any of those three sites would be unacceptable, both for the short term disruption they would cause to those environmental important sites, but also for the potential dangers and long term environmental consequences of those routes.

Given that the original route for this pipeline makes use of existing pipeline or pipeline routes for most of its passage, these alternative routes make little sense.

I would hope that if this pipeline is to be built, that it not pass through Tompkins Cove, Upper Nyack or Piermont.

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you

Jeffrey McDowell
202 Radcliff Drive
Upper Nyack, New York 10960
(845) 353 5741
jffmcdwll@aol.com.

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Subject: pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 6 Jan 2003 12:07:49 -0800 (PST)

From: ZARA WIKE <zippytuglu@yahoo.com>

To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

To Whom It May Concern,

I protest the pipeline being run through the Piermont marshes, Haverstraw, and Tallman. It is only logical that the pipeline should run on the Westchester side of the river as it is benefitting their purposes not ours!

Sincerely,

Zara Wike

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Subject: Proposed site of Millennium Pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 6 Jan 2003 15:32:26 -0500

From: "marianne morelli" <m.morelli@verizon.net>

To: <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

I am devastated at even the thought of the proposed sites through Hook Mountain, Piermont Marsh or Tomkins Cove. Besides the danger to fish and other aquatic life, besides the jeopardizing of the New York City water supply, my main concern would be the proximity of any of these sites to homes and schools in our immediate area of Piermont, Sparkill and the Nyacks, not to mention the presence of Senior citizen residences and Nyack Hospital. I urge you to find a route that doesn't pass through a heavily populated and at the same time environmentally sensitive region of Rockland County.

Marianne Morelli

Sparkill

Subject: RE: Opposed to Millenium Pipeline
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 6 Jan 2003 15:44:34 -0500
From: "Virginia Stillman" <stillman@computer.net>
To: <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

TO NOAA:

We are residents of Croton-on-Hudson and are strongly opposed to the planned route for the Millennium Pipeline.

Our concerns focus on the danger to our environment and to our communities, specifically:

- (1) The potential adverse environmental impact caused by blasting to the Haverstraw Bay coastal fish and wildlife habitat.
- (2) The risk to the New York City water supply, should there be a natural disaster, accident or terrorist act near the Bryn Mawr Siphon.
- (3) The proximity of the gasline to the ConEd power lines along 7.6 miles poses a serious threat to the safety of the power lines if there were a catastrophic pipeline event caused by either a natural disaster, construction accident or terrorist act.
- (4) The unproven need for this project, when there are already 10 other natural gas projects proposed for the New York metro area.
- (5) The potential impact of a natural gas leakage into the Croton River aquifer, or wellfield, which provides drinking water to nearly 8,000 residents of Croton.
- (6) The removal of trees and destruction of habitat in the Croton Arboretum and the Teatown Nature Preserve, two pristine environmentally areas which have taken years to protect and preserve for our future generations.

We believe that the **Bowline Solution** is the right solution for the Millennium Pipeline. Terminating the Millennium Pipeline at the Bowline Facility allows New York to protect the Coastal Zone and enables Columbia Gas to fix the decrepit A-5 line that makes up 222 miles or 52.9% of the pipeline's 420 mile route. This allows Millennium to fulfill its purpose as described to the Federal Energy Regulatory of delivering natural gas to "delivery points in New York State". The **Bowline Solution** is a viable alternative that allows Millennium to pursue its goals without destroying our environment and endangering our communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia and Peter Stillman

210 Cleveland Drive

Croton, NY 10520

Subject: [Fwd: millenium pipeline through Piermont marsh]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 16:03:16 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: _NOS OCRM GCOS Millennium Comments <Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: millenium pipeline through Piermont marsh
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 15:31:34 -0500
From: "maria t. bella" <teri3322@hotmail.com>
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Gleaves,

I am writing to urge you to prevent the proposed gas pipeline from going through Tallman State Park and the Piermont marsh. This pipeline would greatly disturb the wildlife that makes the marsh their home as well as ruin the natural beauty of the area. I am a resident of the area and Tallman State Park is like my backyard. Please keep it intact for all of NY state residents to enjoy.

I urge you to do the right thing.

Regards,

Maria T Bella

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Subject: Millennium Pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 16:07:28 -0500

From: Daphne Crosswell <daphne@columbia.edu>

To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov, daphne@columbia.edu

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to express my strong objections to the Millennium Pipeline and its route as currently proposed. I am amazed that some educated person actually thought that running the pipeline past Indian Point, through the New

Croton Reservoir, through an Arboretum, and adjacent to Con Ed Power lines and all three public schools in Briarcliff Manor was a good idea. Even more surprising, is that the people at FERC seem to agree. Could there be a more preposterous and dangerous route? I don't think so. On top of all the above concerns, the route crosses the Hudson River in opposition to New York State's Coastal Management policy.

I believe that our energy concerns can be met without this pipeline. There are already existing pipelines that can be used without creating such a devastating effect on Westchester County and New York City's power and water supply. If, however, this project goes forward, I believe it should never cross the Hudson River. Terminating the Millennium Pipeline at the Bowline Facility allows New York to protect the Coastal Zone and enables Columbia Gas to fix the decrepit A-5 line that makes up 222 miles or 52.9% of the pipeline's 420 mile route. This allows Millennium to fulfill its purpose as described to FERC of delivering natural gas to "delivery points in New York State". The Bowline Solution is a viable alternative that allows Millennium to pursue its goals without destroying our environment and endangering our communities.

Sincerely yours

Daphne Tzoar
144 Washburn Road
Briarcliff, NY, 10510

Subject: Piermont Pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 6 Jan 2003 16:17:36 EST

From: <PMAConsult@aol.com>

To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

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I think it would be an environmental disaster if the proposed pipeline should go through Tallman Mountain State Park and the Piermont marsh. This is an ecologically fragile and beautiful area and one of the few places where walkers, birders, hikers, and bicyclists from the New York City can find a few hours of quiet to enjoy nature.

Please stop this potentially tragic move!

Sincerely,

Marguerite E. McMahon
105 Gair St.
Piermont, NY 10968

Subject: [Fwd: millenium pipeline through Piermont marsh]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 16:21:09 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: _NOS OCRM GCOS Millennium Comments <Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: millenium pipeline through Piermont marsh
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Subject: Millennium Pipeline
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 16:54:46 -0800
From: tbentkowski <tbentkowski@nyc.rr.com>
Reply-To: tbentkowski@nyc.rr.com
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov

Please Please Please

To run this pipeline through Piermont and Tallman Park would be a horrible horrible thing.

It would cause irreparable damage in a fragile area

Thomas Bentkowski
Grand View On Hudson

Subject: Millennium Pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 18:16:37 -0800 (PST)

From: <christinemh@peoplepc.com>

To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

CC: vanderhoef@county.rockland.ny.us, morahan@senate.state.ny.us,
gromack@assembly.state.ny.us, senator@schumer.senate.gov,
<http://clinton.senate.gov/email@peoplepc.com>, form.html@peoplepc.com

I urge you not to approve the routing of the Millenium Pipeline through Tallman Mountain Park, the Piermont Marsh nor Hook Mountain in Rockland County, New York. The damage created by this action would be devastating and long lasting. The locations that would be affected could not sustain such a negative impact.

Christine Hogerty
23 Van Houten Street
Nyack, N.Y. 10960

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Subject: no more pipeline in Rockland

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 22:43:34 -0500

From: <jhurs@optonline.net>

To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

As a citizen of Nyack, I think it is unfair if the pipeline route is changed to go through some of the state's most beautiful land. Rockland County's section of the pipeline has already been completed, and any 11th hour changes to the route would be another example of the wealthier residents of New York (Westchester) getting their way. While it is true that everyone says "not in my backyard," it would be a shame to ruin more of the natural beauty of the Hudson.

Jennifer Hurson
137 Castle Heights Ave
Nyack, NY 10960

Subject: FW: Returned mail: User unknown
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Tue, 07 Jan 2003 07:05:42 -0500
From: pandjny <pandjny1@optonline.net>
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov


-----Original Message-----

From: Mail Delivery Subsystem [mailto:MAILER-DAEMON@nems.noaa.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 06, 2003 8:01 AM
To: pandjny1@optonline.net
Subject: Returned mail: User unknown

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Subject: Millennium Gas Pipeline--Citizen concern over proposed passage through Piermont New York Area
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 08:00:31 -0500
From: pandjny <pandjny1@optonline.net>
To: millenium.comments@noaa.gov

Millennium Pipeline

Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services

NOAA

US Department of Commerce

1305 East-West Highway

Silver Spring, MD 20910

To Whom It May Concern:

I am emailing you today as a concerned resident of Rockland County New York, to express concern, misgivings and opposition to the current proposal to run the Millennium Gas Pipeline through Rockland County. The present

proposal calls for this Pipeline to pass through Rockland by way of Tallman Mountain State Park, Piermont and the surrounding marshes. This proposed route passes through an extremely fragile ecosystem, the estuarine marshes along the Hudson River and its tributaries, and also passes through a densely populated region of New York used by both local residents and other residents of the New York City metropolitan area for recreation.

My concerns are threefold:

- Security—as someone who lived in the area during and after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, I am extremely conscious of the vulnerability of any large link through this area—be it bridges, tunnels, telecommunications or this potentially explosive fuel pipeline—how easy it would be to disrupt it, and how devastating to a large population it would be. Recent concerns expressed by Federal and State authorities about the security of our waterways and coastlines further underline the vulnerability of this proposal;
- Environmental damage—the entire Hudson River Corridor has been in remediation for many years to overcome the damage caused by PCB's, excessive use of road salt, waste heat from power plant and other industrial coolant discharge, and general pollution. Strides are being made to return the River to a healthy condition. The unique nature of the Hudson River estuarine system is a priceless resource. It is incomprehensible to any informed citizen that moving the Pipeline a few miles south from the previously environmentally **rejected** site could be any less damaging to the fragile and unique ecosystems in this region;
- Lack of local benefit—Rockland County, New York State's smallest county, is in danger of becoming a “pass-through” between the upstate regions and New York City. We already bear the brunt of excess truck and automobile traffic in the I-287 corridor, lack of sufficient public transportation, drought and inadequate drinking water, potential contamination of the Ramapo aquifer (a designated sole source aquifer) and increased air pollution caused by metro traffic and relaxation of the Clean Air Act. This pipeline proposal constitutes yet another assault on the integrity of life in Rockland County with no enhanced quality of life to its residents. Instead, it increases the risk of pollution and industrial/terrorist actions to the area. It will degrade the quality of life in a scenic residential and environmentally sensitive area.

I doubt that the Millennium Pipeline is truly the best solution to bringing fuel to lower New York State. Therefore, I advocate that the Pipeline proposal be rethought and that any future planning avoid crossing the Hudson River at any point less than 100 miles from the mouth of the River.

Kind regards,

Joan A. Materna

Subject: Millennium pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Tue, 7 Jan 2003 08:50:27 -0500

From: "Joe Siegel" <jsiegel@dc-arch.com>

Organization: Design Collaborative Inc

To: <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>

CC: <Millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

Dear Mr. Gleaves, My name is Joseph Siegel. I live at 306 Gair Street, Piermont New York. I strongly oppose the proposed pipeline going thru the Piermont Marsh and the Tallman Mountains. If implemented, this would cause severe environmental damage, including digging up the Piermont Marsh and blasting 50 feet off the Tallman Mountains.

Subject: millennium pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 6 Jan 2003 09:41:16 -0500

From: Debra Lovecky <DLovecky@hdsa.org>

To: "millennium.comments@noaa.gov" <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

I am writing in support of the New York Department of State decision regarding the Millennium Pipeline project which ruled the project inconsistent with the Coastal Zone Management Act. This ruling properly recognizes the devastating impacts of the project to the Hudson River, the New York City Watershed and so much more.

I believe that the Bowline Solution is the right solution for the Millennium Pipeline. Terminating the Millennium Pipeline at the Bowline Facility allows New York to protect the Coastal Zone and enables Columbia Gas to fix the decrepit A-5 line that makes up 222 miles or 52.9% of the pipeline's 420 mile route. This allows Millennium to fulfill its purpose as described to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of delivering natural gas to "delivery points in New York State." The Bowline Solution is a viable alternative that allows Millennium to pursue its goals without destroying our environment and endangering our communities.

Do not impinge on State's rights by overriding this well thought out decision.

Sincerely,
Debra Lovecky
Croton on Hudson, NY

Subject: [Fwd: Mellennium Pipeline]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 09:33:25 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: _NOS OCRM GCOS Millennium Comments <Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Mellennium Pipeline
Date: Mon, 6 Jan 2003 09:11:49 -0500
From: Walter Karopczyc <wjkk@infoplusonline.com>
To: karl.gleaves@noaa.gov,
gov.pataki@chamber.state.ny.us,vanderhs@co.rockland.ny.us,
morahan@senate.state.ny.us,gromaca@assembly.state.ny.us,
senator@schumer.senate.gov,seantor@clinton.senate.gov

After many years of planning, and at the last moment, it has come to light that Westchester residents don't wish to suffer the inconvenience associated with the construction of a pipeline to supply natural gas to meet their county's energy needs. It has been proposed by those effected that rather Rockland County should suffer these inconveniences.

Through its desire to close the Stony Point Nuclear Power Facility, and its further desire to avoid pipeline construction realities, it seems Westchester wants to pass on to its neighbors any adverse impact for its own designs and decisions. Morally, politically, ethically and environmentally, this must be avoided.

Walter J. Karopczyc

Subject: [Fwd: No Millennium Pipeline in Piermont or Haverstraw]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 09:11:45 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: _NOS OCRM GCOS Millennium Comments <Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: No Millennium Pipeline in Piermont or Haverstraw
Date: Fri, 03 Jan 2003 19:00:59 EST
From: "Colleen M. Duffy ceile Leidy" <temakwe.ceile@juno.com>
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov, Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov
CC: senator@schumer.senate.gov

U.S. Department of Commerce
1305 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Gentlepeople,

I am deeply concerned that Piermont, the Marsh, and any of this area would even be considered for the Millennium Pipeline. Surely if Haverstraw is protected, how much more so this area? I almost didn't write this, thinking that surely this was not a serious consideration. But then, again, stranger things have happened.

It may cost the developers more to put it through a less fragile area than Haverstraw or Piermont, but if we must continue to rely on fossil fuel for our energy, let us bear the real cost of that decision on our monthly bills and not put the burden of our decisions on the habitat of those life forms that have no vote or need of these fuels.

Respectfully,
Colleen Duffy ceile Leidy
1-9 Lawrence Park
Piermont, NY 10968

Subject: [Fwd: Millennium Pipeline through PIERMONT, NEW YORK]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 09:11:09 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: _NOS OCRM GCOS Millennium Comments <Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Millennium Pipeline through PIERMONT, NEW YORK
Date: Sat, 4 Jan 2003 12:59:44 EST
From: <AudieNce@aol.com>
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov

Dear Mr. Karl Gleaves,

As a Piermont Village Trustee and a Piermont resident, I am distressed and angry at your attempt to snake the millennium pipeline through Piermont and Orangetown with very little notice to its residents. We were not afforded the same consideration given to neighboring communities and there in no good excuse for this. I realize that nobody wants this in their back yard but to cut through such an environmentally fragile area as Piermont and its marsh, which is the largest natural marsh on the east coast, is unconscionable.

As I'm sure you are aware, there is risk of pipeline injury to people that live near a pipeline. Both gas and oil pipelines have spontaneous explosions and people are both injured and killed. The cause of exploding pipelines is due to the fact that the pipeline is either extremely old or hasn't been properly tested and maintained over the years by the company that owns it. I am unaware of any maintenance performed on the existing Tennessee Pipeline. Your proposed plan to lay the Millennium Pipeline next to this very old pipeline is asking for problems and you are putting the residents of Piermont and your own employees at very great risk.

On December 17th, the Piermont Village Board unanimously adopted a resolution against this pipeline route. The pipeline route through environmentally sensitive portions of the Village of Piermont directly conflicts with the Village's Zoning Code and Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan which was adopted on January 7, 1992. The entire Village of Piermont has been duly designated as a Critical Environmental Area under SEQRA and its Regulations and local Critical Environmental Areas.

In addition, the maps we've been provided do not show detail of the exact route of the pipeline. There are undoubtedly many homeowners within Orangetown whose lives and properties will be directly affected by this massive proposed project and you have not provided us with a detailed

map to
show who and what will be affected.

There are far better options for the location of this pipeline, although
none
of them are great. Piermont is undoubtedly the worst.

Sincerely,

Audie Moran
Piermont Village Trustee

Subject: [Fwd: Proposal to route Millennium Pipeline through Piermont Marsh]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 09:09:15 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: _NOS OCRM GCOS Millennium Comments <Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Proposal to route Millennium Pipeline through Piermont Marsh
Date: Sun, 05 Jan 2003 18:39:36 -0500
From: "Peggy L. Fox" <sennfox@optonline.net>
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov
CC: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov,
gov.pataki@chamber.state.ny.us, vanderhs@co.rockland.ny.us,
morahan@senate.state.ny.us, gromaca@assembly.state.ny.us,
senator@schumer.senate.gov

To All Those Concerned:

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Given the above, it is inconceivable to me that any sane person would consider putting a gas pipeline through this place, bulldozing part of Tallman Mountain and disturbing the fragile balance of a Marsh that is supposedly off limits, through federal regulation, to anyone. Of all of the proposed sites for the pipeline, all of them with problems, this has to be the worst. I beg you to consider carefully, because to route the pipeline through the Marsh would destroy it, and there will be no way to undo

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destruction once begun. I believe it is already illegal to invade the
Marsh;
it is certainly immoral.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peggy L. Fox
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Piermont, NY 10968

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Subject: [Fwd: Millennium Pipeline]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 09:10:43 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: _NOS OCRM GCOS Millennium Comments <Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Millennium Pipeline
Date: Sun, 5 Jan 2003 14:08:55 -0500
From: Mark Taylor <marco124@juno.com>
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov,
gov.pataki@chamber.state.ny.us,morahan@senate.state.ny.us,
gromaca@assembly.state.ny.us,senator@schumer.senate.gov,
senator@clinton.senate.gov

I write to urge your opposition to the new plans to route the Millennium Pipeline along the Palisades Parkway, bulldozing through Tallman Mountain State Park and the Piermont Marsh, or alternatively through Hook Mountain State Park. If these plans are realized, the damage to the beauty and ecosystems of the beautiful Hudson River shore line will be beyond calculation.

Thank You.

Mark Taylor
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South Nyack, NY 10960
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marco124@juno.com

Subject: [Fwd: Millennium Pipeline]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 09:08:51 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: _NOS OCRM GCOS Millennium Comments <Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Millennium Pipeline
Date: Sun, 05 Jan 2003 18:42:55 -0500
From: Mark Rosenthal <mrosenthal@menil.org>
Reply-To: mrosenthal@menil.org
Organization: The Menil Collection
To: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov,
gov.pataki@chamber.state.ny.us,vanderhs@co.rockland.ny.us,
morahan@senate.state.ny.us,gromaca@state.ny.us,
senator@schumer.senate.gov,senator@clinton.senate.gov

Dear Sirs and Madame,

I am writing with regard to the proposal to install the so-called Millennium Pipeline through Tallman State Park and the marshes of Piermont, New York. This thought is most disheartening: the idea that the State of New York would offer its own pristine land for such a purpose. To me, it is similar to selling one's soul. Why in the world would this state, which in recent years under Governor Pataki, has shown serious commitment to the environment and to the sanctity of the Hudson River, be a willing party to this notion? Where is the political leadership on the part of our elected officials, on the national, state and regional levels? I suppose I expect such actions by the President, but I expect something different from the leaders on the front lines of protecting their own regions.

Please search for other solutions than despoiling one of the few remaining, prisitine areas in the New York City metropolitan area.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Rosenthal

Subject: [Fwd: Please remember to protect the Piermont Marsh]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 09:08:30 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: _NOS OCRM GCOS Millennium Comments <Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Please remember to protect the Piermont Marsh
Date: Sun, 5 Jan 2003 23:40:52 -0500
From: "Marc Farre" <mfarre@earthlink.net>
Reply-To: <mfarre@earthlink.net>
To: <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>
CC: <karl.gleaves@noaa.gov>

Dear Mr. Gleaves,

My name is Marc Farre, and I reside at 322 Piermont Avenue, in Piermont,
NY
(Rockland County).

I am writing to express my strongest objection to New York State's
proposal
to reroute the Millennium Pipeline through Piermont Marsh as a way of
avoiding its crossing the Hudson at Haverstraw Bay. As you know (and as
is
evident in the NOAA's own literature, for instance here,
<http://www.ocrm.nos.noaa.gov/nerr/reserves/nerrhudsonriver.html>),
Piermont
Marsh is a protected and environmentally fragile wetland, a vital
component
of the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve. This Reserve is
supposed to be administered and protected by NOAA, as well as by the New
York State Department of Environmental Conservation in cooperation with
the
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; the NYS
Department of State; and the NYS Office of General Services, among other
government bodies.

Given its mandate to protect Piermont Marsh, I must say that I am
mystified
as to why NY's Department of State is proposing to allow it to be dug up
as
an "alternative" to Haverstraw Bay on ENVIRONMENTAL grounds... If
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Piermont Marsh is much MORE sensitive a marine wetland than Haverstraw
Bay.

Among the rare and declared endangered species and fauna that make
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Marsh their home are the bald eagle, peregrine falcon, and diamondback
terrapin, least bittern, osprey. Rare plants include the sedge,
button-bush
dodder, and saltmarsh bulrush.

It is our government's (whether federal or local) responsibility to
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its fragile ecosystems. I cannot see how dredging up one of the most
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and fragile ones in order to protect the interests (let's be honest
here) of
the residents of a wealthier and more politically connected county (that

would be Westchester) serves the overarching interest of the Hudson, the state, or the nation.

And so I urge you, with all my heart, to please reject New York State's misguided attempt to reroute this pipeline through Piermont Marsh (not to mention the damage that would be done to the adjoining Tallman Mountain).

To satisfy everybody in NY State, and to protect the Coastal Zone, why not implement the Bowline Solution? That would be my preference.

Thank you very much for taking my concerns into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Marc Farre
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Subject: [Fwd: Millennium Pipeline]
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 09:08:03 -0500
From: "Karl Gleaves" <Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov>
Organization: GCOS
To: _NOS OCRM GCOS Millennium Comments <Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov>

----- Original Message -----
Subject: Millennium Pipeline
Date: Sun, 5 Jan 2003 23:47:42 -0500
From: "Viviane Bauquet Farre" <strawberrysun@earthlink.net>
To: <Karl.gleaves@noaa.gov>

Dear Mr. Gleaves,

My name is Viviane Bauquet Farre, and I live at 322 Piermont Avenue, in Piermont, NY (Rockland County).

I am writing to express my strongest objection to New York State's proposal to reroute the Millennium Pipeline through Piermont Marsh as a way of avoiding its crossing the Hudson at Haverstraw Bay.

Piermont Marsh is more environmentally sensitive than Haverstraw Bay. The proposal to sacrifice Piermont Marsh for Haverstraw Bay makes no sense whatsoever to me.

To satisfy everybody in NY State, and to protect the Coastal Zone, why not implement the Bowline Solution? That would be my preference.

Thank you for taking my thoughts into consideration.

Sincerely,

Viviane

Subject: millennium Pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 01:56:35 -0500

From: bunnymom <bunnymom@comcast.net>

To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

Please record this email as a NO vote for the pipeline.

The fact that it is suggested that Tallman state park be blasted for the installation of this project is unfathomable, not to mention insane.

To blast through such a historic and serene setting, one of the counties few unscathed areas needs to be left alone. They have already over developed, over populated, and taken away so much of the counties once beautiful natural wonders.

Haverstraw Bay is another natural setting that needs to be left alone.

What wildlife and marine life that lives in this ecosystem would be essentially wiped out.

Rockland County has been through enough projects, blasting, and development.

MY opinion is NO for this pipeline.

Find another state that has not suffered such loss in recent years to bury this pipeline in, and stick it there.

Subject: Millennium pipeline - NO good for rockland, Orange Counties

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 01:51:48 -0500

From: nybunnymom <nybunnymom@comcast.net>

To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

I am sending you this electronic transmission to voice my opinion over the millennium pipeline.

I am NOT in favor of this pipeline being put in through Rockland County's natural and serene areas. This will wreak havoc with both wildlife and marine life, not to mention the natural beauty that Rockland still has.

The idea of putting the pipeline through Tallman StatePark is as absurd to me as is the pipeline going through Haverstraw bay, or any part of Rockland.

Had this pipeline been installed 25 years ago fine, but now it is too late.

What little beauty Rockland County has left after all the over development, over crowding and over building, is too close to residential homes and parks to be safe -- for residents, tourists and animals alike.

PLEASE reconsider this - The pipeline would turn Rockland county into a very dangerous place to live - not to mention the effect it would have on the wildlife, marine life, and natural ecosystem. It would destroy the pristine beauty of our loved Tallman State park, Haverstraw Bay and other surrounding parks and public areas.

This is not to mention safety concerns - If somebody cuts through it, this would create a state of emergency to all Rockland Residents - of which the magnitude would be felt for generations, and to which the likes we would never recover the natural beauty and historic places once in place.

MY opinion is NO--NO to the pipeline, in any part of Rockland. Put this pipeline in your backyard, in your beloved parks, and then go tell your children to play near it.

Thank you,

Joanne Young

Rockland Resident since 1977 -

Subject: Millennium Pipeline proposals
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Mon, 06 Jan 2003 05:10:35 +0000
From: <plessner3@att.net>
To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

Mr. Karl Gleaves
Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1305 east-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

January 6, 2003

Dear Mr. Gleaves,

I have read about several proposed pathways for the proposed Millennium Pipeline.

It seems to me that the path of least resistance (i.e. physically, not in the impossible respect of politically) would be the least costly and most desirable. That would entail extending the gas pipeline from Haverstraw Bay across the Hudson into Westchester. I'm not familiar with the fish species living in the Hudson in that location (or shall we say, passing through that location?). I sure wouldn't want to eat any fish living in the Hudson until all PCBs are removed, if that ever becomes reality. Although, there might be something to study and learn from any species that is surviving or perhaps thriving in that vicinity. Anyway, back to the Pipeline. This gas is for counties east and south of Rockland and the Hudson, correct? Well I think those counties should bear the brunt of the construction and disruption that such development entails if they really want the gas.

Rockland county is saturated in terms of development. We already have millions of dollars in transportation infrastructure. We do not want to have this ripped apart for hazardous pipeline work while we try to commute to jobs we hope will not be downsized and eliminated.

Please do not even consider the proposed route involving the Algonquin Pipeline's r-o-w west into Suffern, then heading east along 287 and southward to Piermont Marsh. That is ABSURD. The volume of traffic in these areas is tremendous.

What about the option of having electricity produced from a "larger" Bowline facility to supply NYC's hungry energy needs? That doesn't solve the gas problem, but it could alleviate electricity demands with the least disruption of people's livelihoods.

What about more sustainable energy sources? Why not have Westchester and Putnam counties lead the east coast in pioneering sustainable, renewable energy generation (such as fuel cells, bio-mass, wind-farms, conservation, etc)? WHY CAN'T WE DO THIS IN THE U.S.? We are so dependent on fossil fuels and atomic energy. When we will ever TRY to live in harmony with nature?

I'm signing off since my furnace has been down to 62 degrees since 10:30 pm, and it's late.

Please take the path of LEAST ENVIRONMENTAL DISRUPTION

Thank you for your attention, and support.

Sincerely,

Laura Plessner

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plessner3@att.net
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Subject: Millennium Pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Sun, 5 Jan 2003 23:52:37 -0500

From: "Viviane Bauquet Farre" <strawberrysun@earthlink.net>

To: <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

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Subject: NO to further destruction of Rockland Cty

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Sun, 5 Jan 2003 20:06:45 EST

From: <FraniO@aol.com>

To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

I strongly object to further destruction of the ecosystems and environment in Rockland County. I do not, in anyway, want to see the Millennium Pipeline go through any more of this county. It has caused enough destruction already. To have it do more, especially to the very sensitive Piemont Wetlands and Marsh and the Palisades Interstate Parkway (a National Historic Landmark and Linear Park) would be an atrocity.

I also object on the grounds of National Security. If that pipeline is placed anywhere near the already existing Tennessee Gas Pipeline these pipelines together would make an extremely likely terrorist attack site.

Thank you for your attention.

Francine Oldenburger
314 Greenbush Rd.
Blauvelt, NY 10913

Subject: Millennium Pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Sun, 5 Jan 2003 18:57:01 -0500

From: "SSister Una" <una.anne@verizon.net>

To: <millennium.comments@noaa.gov>

This is to voice my objection to the placement of the Millennium Pipeline in any area of Rockland County. The area is highly populated and the areas along the Hudson River are environmentally sensitive.

This is particularly true of one of the proposed sites -- the Piermont Marsh.

The Piermont Marsh is a wetlands that is needed to prevent flooding in the lowlands of Piermont. The marshes are home to seabirds and other species.

The State of New York and the federal government should seek another solution to energy problems -- like demanding greater fuel efficiency from auto makers or exploring solar energy.

Sister Una McCormack
175 Route 340
Sparkill, NY 10976

Subject: Proposal to route Millennium Pipeline through Piermont Marsh

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Sun, 05 Jan 2003 18:39:36 -0500

From: "Peggy L. Fox" <sennfox@optonline.net>

To: millennium.comments@noaa.gov

CC: Karl.Gleaves@noaa.gov, gov.pataki@chamber.state.ny.us, vanderhs@co.rockland.ny.us, morahan@senate.state.ny.us, gromaca@assembly.state.ny.us, senator@schumer.senate.gov

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Thank you for your consideration

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Piermont, NY 10968

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sennfox@optonline.net

Subject: Millennium pipeline
Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov
Date: Sun, 5 Jan 2003 16:51:32 EST
From: <ITA333@aol.com>
To: Millennium.comments@noaa.gov

I am strongly opposed to the subject project. I do not see why Westchester County has to solve their problems at the expense of the people of Rockland.

Maria Hernandez

Subject: Millennium Pipeline

Resent-From: Millennium.Comments@noaa.gov

Date: Sun, 5 Jan 2003 15:05:51 EST

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I have read an article in today's Rockland Journal News proposing alternate routes for the Millennium Pipeline. In my opinion, there is no safe route for such a venture and am opposed to all routes proposed. Safety is my main concern but I am also against anything that would disrupt the natural habitat and beautiful environment of Rockland County.

Yours truly,
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